Australian Bureau of Statistics

Census

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2021 key dates

From 4 July
Census advertising starts.

July-August
Census staff will visit remote communities. They'll do face-to-face interviews with people living there.

Early August
Census online form opens and instructions are delivered to households. Most households will receive a letter with details on how to complete online, and some will receive a paper form. People can complete their Census as soon as they receive instructions, if they know where they'll be on Census night.

August
People can visit pop-up hubs and fill in the form sessions* to get a paper form or help to complete their Census.
*available in select areas, visit the website for locations.

10 August
CENSUS NIGHT

10-15 August
Community Field Officers will visit areas where people are known to sleep rough and help them to complete the Census.

From 17 August
Households that haven't completed their Census will receive reminder letters and visits from field officers.

June 2022
First release of Census data (key demographic, cultural diversity, education, health and ADF service data).

October 2022
Second release of Census data (employment, educational qualifications and internal migration data).

Early 2023
Third release of Census data (complex data such as distance to work, socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA) and counts for people experiencing homelessness).

For more information www.census.abs.gov.au 1800 512 441